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DALLAS CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Affidavit says priest admitted sex abuse

Psychiatric evaluation in ‘94 cited ‘long history of pedophilic behavior’

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She remembers first meeting the priest, Richard Thomas Brown, on a church outing called “Hike for Life.”

He seemed fun and friendly and let her sit on his shoulders during the walk. Her parents liked him, too, and soon she was spending more time with him



RICHARD THOMAS BROWN

when he visited nursing homes or the priest’s father. But then, he began doing things that made her uncomfortable.

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than with her own father, who traveled a lot for work.

She was a preteen at the time, but her family trusted him enough to allow her to accompany him

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Key senator opposes calling more witnesses

WHAT IF the witness vote is a tie? **6A**
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Alexander says ‘no need for more evidence,’ moving case closer to imminent vote for Trump acquittal

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WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee will oppose calling more witnesses in President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial, all but dashing

Democratic efforts to hear more testimony and boosting odds that the Senate will vote imminently to acquit the president.

Earlier, Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said late Thursday she would vote to allow witnesses in the impeachment trial, building momentum for the Democrats’ effort.

But Alexander then said in a statement that there was “no need for more evidence,” giving the Trump team the likelihood of a Senate vote

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PUBLIC HEALTH | CORONAVIRUS

State Department advises against travel to China



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A **pop-up quarantine facility** with 1,000 beds is being built on the outskirts of Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the outbreak. Work began on the hospital last week, and it is expected to open by Wednesday.

A global emergency

19 countries now report cases of the virus as the outbreak spreads

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BEIJING — The U.S. government advised against all travel to China on Friday after the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a new virus there a global emergency.

The number of cases has spiked more than tenfold in a week, including the highest death toll in a 24-hour period reported Friday.

The State Department’s travel advisory told Americans currently in China to consider

STRANDED Americans await evacuation. **3A**
PILOTS SUE to stop flights to China. **3B**

departing using commercial means, and requested that all nonessential U.S. government personnel defer travel “in light of the novel coronavirus.”
“Travelers should be prepared for travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice. Commercial carriers have reduced or suspended routes to and from China,” it said.

China reported 9,692 con-

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A **Chinese worker** from Starbucks, checking for symptoms of the coronavirus, takes the temperature of a customer at Beijing Capital Airport.

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

13 officers disciplined

Social media activity reviewed after report by watchdog group

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At least 13 Dallas police officers were disciplined Thursday for offensive comments they made on social media. Some of the remarks made light of police brutality or involved racial stereotypes and Islamophobic comments.

The department announced its decision a day after reprimanding 22 former vice unit officers at the conclusion of a nearly three-year investigation. Officials did not respond to an interview

request Wednesday about the vice investigation or to a phone call Thursday seeking comment regarding the discipline for social media posts.

The department began its review of officers’ social media use in July after The Plain View Project, a watchdog organization, released a database of public Facebook posts from eight police departments. The content, according to the project’s creators, “could undermine public trust and confidence in police.”

Investigators reviewed hundreds of social media posts and initially looked at the conduct of 25 officers. It wasn’t immediately clear why only 13 were disciplined.

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DMN INVESTIGATES | DESOTO

Officials took AT&T freebies

Pair in fraud scandal also accepted perks, forensic audit shows

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Two weeks after DeSoto officials Candice and Jeremiah Quarles took a controversial Disney World vacation funded largely by taxpayers, AT&T gave the couple free tickets to two exclusive Cotton Bowl dinners, a forensic audit shows.

It was December 2015, and Jeremiah Quarles, then

head of economic development for the city, jumped at an offer to attend one hosted by the Dallas Cowboys, writing back in an email: “You know I’m there!”

He also told the AT&T representative that his wife, Candice, who at the time was on a city zoning board and five months away from winning a seat on the city council, would be accompanying him to both events.

DeSoto ethics policies prohibit officials from accepting gifts worth more

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SPORTSDAY

Doncic down with ankle sprain

All-Star Luka Doncic will miss the Mavericks’ game Friday against the Rockets with what has preliminarily been diagnosed as an ankle sprain. **Brad Townsend, 1C**

Prescott creating leverage

Without a new contract, will Dak Prescott take part in the Cowboys’ offseason program? The team can’t afford to be without its starting quarterback when the offense is installed, says David Moore. **1C**

BUSINESS

Housing market enters 2020 strong

A year-end surge in Dallas-area home sales is carrying over into the New Year, and local real estate agents are hoping that the increase in business will stretch into the summer. **3B**

Safety of Southwest questioned

An upcoming government report says Southwest Airlines flew millions of passengers on planes with unconfirmed safety records and criticizes the way the local FAA offices handled safety questions at the carrier. **3B**

METRO

Nova Academy ex-CEO sentenced

Nova Academy’s former CEO, who was convicted last fall of defrauding her school, then returned “like nothing happened” and tried to get more money, was sentenced Thursday to seven years in prison for accepting \$50,000 in kickbacks. **1B**

8 charges of sex assault on ex-cop

A former Lewisville police detective has been arrested on eight charges of sexual assault of a child. **2B**

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